

United States Assay Office.

New York, Oct 11 1854

Dear Sir

Four fawn of the Quirk, was received yesterday while we were busily engaged in the first operations of melting deposits. Seven deposits were melted, and every thing so far has gone on very satisfactorily. We of course cannot commence refining until a sufficient quantity of gold is received, and in order to test the draught of the horses I think it will be best to commence with one horse only at first. I anticipate no difficulty in any of the operations, and hope that my first five bars may prove good.

While the Director was here, I gave him a mem^o of the few articles now wanting, viz the Tongs, Linch pins, & Pitchers; The extra wagon is of no importance, except that we have not rec^d, one which has been charged to this office. We have pots enough to fill all the horses, and a few to spare. I like the porcelain pots very much and when you receive more than you require shall be glad to have some of those now on the way here.

Tow cloth can be bought here, and as I do not wish to trouble you with anything that can be found here, I will try to find some one here to make the fine mitts. As soon as more of the Rubber gloves are required I will ascertain at what price they can be made here and let you know. I have bought 1000 bushels salt at 57¢ per bushel at the office.

Please present my regards to Mrs. Booth and I hope that we shall have the pleasure of seeing her with you ^{you} when you again visit the city, which I hope will be as soon as we are fully under weight in our operations at the Assay Office.

Yours very truly

Edward M. Clark

Prof. J. C. Booth
U. S. Mint
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